IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0025] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0025] The protective layer 120 can, for example, comprise at least one of Al₂O₃ and Y₂O₃. In another embodiment of the present invention, the protective layer comprises at least one of a III-column element (column III of periodic table) and a Lanthanon element. In another embodiment of the present invention, the III-column element comprises at least one of Yttrium, Scandium, and Lanthanum. In another embodiment of the present invention, the Lanthanon element comprises at least one of Cerium, Dysprosium, and Europium. In another embodiment of the present invention, the compound forming protective layer comprises at least one of Yttria (Y₂O₃), Sc₂O₃, Sc₂F₃, YF₃, La₂O₃, CeO₂, Eu₂O₃, and DyO₃ <u>Dy₂O₃</u>.

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